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right up towards the empyrean, and then suddenly gets out of breath and flutters, or tumbles, to earth again. You wish they would do their flying in private until they have learned to stay on the wing long enough really to arrive somewhere. But all this notwithstanding, the Aristotelian Society is an answer to those who think philosophy is losing its hold on the minds of men; and the country that can produce philosophizing so good may hope from time to time, in the future as in the past, to produce philosophizing that is still better.

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### JOURNALS AND NEW BOOKS.

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY. April, 1918. *The Effect of Auditory Distraction upon the Sensory Reaction* (pp. 129-143): EDNA E. CASSEL and K. M. DELLANBACH. - Distractions may inhibit, lengthen, facilitate or shorten the reaction. Continuous distractions are easily habituated, while intermittent distractions have a more profound effect on the sensory reaction time. *A Medium in the Bud* (pp. 144-158): G. STANLEY HALL. - The story of a girl who believed she could commune with the spirit world is told. Her plan turned out to be an attempt to win back a lover. This article is an interesting study in adolescent imagination. *A Psycho-Analytic Study of Auguste Comte* (pp. 159-181): PHYLLIS BLANCHARD. - Comte possessed a strong egoism. This arrogant self-confidence was later softened by his love for Clotilde de Vaux. His writings clearly reflect these influences. Bibliography. *On "Retiring" and "Advancing" Colors* (pp. 182-186): M. LUCKIESH. - Blue as a rule seems to retire while red advances. *A Note on Association Time and Feeling* (pp. 187-195): E. C. TOLMAN and ISABELLE JOHNSON. - Simple unpleasant sense qualities lengthen association-times. This effect is more marked in women than in men. *Prolonged Infancy-Its Cause and Its Significance* (pp. 196-203): MAX SCHOEN. - Learning and dependence are different qualities and are not necessarily related. *An Objective Measure of Attributive Clearness* (pp. 204-207): EDNA E. CASSEL and K. M. DALLANBACH. - A single observer finds that attributive clearness may be measured by the average duration and variation of the sensory reaction. *What is Introspection?* (pp. 208-213): STEPHEN C. PEPPER. - Introspection is anything that comes along, while in the objective methods the data is picked. *A Bibliography of Rhythm* (pp. 214-218): CHRISTIAN A. RUCKMICH. - Second supplementary list. *Minor Studies from the Psychological Laboratory of Cornell University. On the Calculation of an Associative Limen* (pp. 219-226): H. D. WILLIAMS. - The

mnemometric function is the phi-function of gamma, and the effective condition of association varies with the logarithm of the number of repetitions. *An Analysis of the Psychometric Function Two-Point Limen with Respect to the Paradoxical Error* (pp. 227-232): MARGARET KINCAID.—An analysis indicates the operation of two antagonistic factors. *Book Notes*: John Edgar Coover, *Experiments in Psychical Research at Leland Stanford University*. Walter Goodnow Everett, *Moral Values; a Study of the Principles of Conduct*. Burtis Burr Breese, *Psychology*. George Trumbull Ladd, *The Secret of Personality*. James Drever, *Instinct in Man*. John Harrison Minnock, *An Investigator of Certain Abilities Fundamental to the Study of Geometry*. C. Judson Herrick and Elizabeth C. Crosby, *A Laboratory Outline of Neurology*. Elizabeth Severn, *The Psychology of Behavior*. June E. Downey and Edwin B. Payson *Unidexterity and Mirror Writing*. F. E. Owen, *The Psychological Clinic of the Southern California Association of Applied Psychology*.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: Year Book. Washington, D. C. 1918. Pp. xiv + 272.

Drever, James. *Instinct in Man: A Contribution to the Psychology of Education*. Cambridge: University Press.

Fabre, Jean-Henri. *The Wonders of Instinct*. Translated by Teixeira de Mattos and Bernard Miall. New York: Century Company. \$3.00.

Morel, F. *Essai sur l'Introversion mystique*. Geneve: Librairie Kundig.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

SANTAYANA'S work, *Egotism in German Philosophy* has appeared in French translation, with a preface by Émile Boutroux, under the title *L'erreur de la Philosophie allemande*. It is reviewed in the July-August number of the *Revue Philosophique*.

It is announced that Professor Lévy-Bruhl, of Paris, is to be exchange professor at Harvard for the coming year, but that he will not begin his lectures until the beginning of the second term.

WE have received from Professor Hartley B. Alexander a sketch in remembrance of Henry Kirke Wolfe, born November 10, 1858, and died July 30, 1918. Professor Alexander writes of Dr. Wolfe with the deep piety of intimate obligations.

THE Yale University Press will publish *Authority in the Modern State* by Harold J. Laski, a sequel to *Studies in the Problem of Sovereignty*.